



Minnetonka Girls Basketball Association
Board Meeting Notes
August 7, 2013

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Voting Members in Attendance: Rich Baker, Wendy Melz, Rich Hirstein, Alison Shoemaker, Kerri Hexum, Stacy Pagano, Lesley Longval, Scott Fransen, Laural Johnson, Jim Willems, Alison Shoemaker, Josh Hawes, Geri Radke, Evan Vaala, Shonna Travis, Susan Anderson, Rich Hirstein, and Leah Dasovich

Non-Voting Members in Attendance: Monica Dahl, Elizabeth Hamilton, and Tony Martinson

Call to Order and Introduction of Attendees:

The meeting called to order at 6:00 pm at the Minnetonka District Service Center.

Secretary Report:

The minutes from the July meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Lesley Longval and seconded by Josh Hawes to approve them. The minutes were approved and will be posted in final form.

Treasurer's Report:

Lesley Longval reported:

- A one-page spreadsheet was distributed. It showed two years' worth of financials to show a comparison. A couple big differences noted in the last 2 years was the purchase of uniforms, the spring MYAS tournament, and the success of the holiday tournament. It was also separated into HS and youth programs.
- In order to complete the paperwork for our tax exemption, a change needed to be made to the Article so it stated that our organization is for the youth since we are a youth organization. Lesley made a motion, seconded by Jim Willems, to approve the amendment to the Article. The motion was approved and a statement will be added noting the age of youth participating in the program.
- There are two open receivables—sponsors. Lesley will follow-up with Scott Fransen on the two sponsors who haven't paid yet.

- It appears that we've been delayed in our tax returns. This is being worked on in order to get this completed. The government uses 12/31 as their year-end date. A motion was made by Laural Johnson and seconded by Wendy Melz to make our year-end date as 5/31. The motion passed.

A question was asked about the financial goal of the organization. It was reported that the goal is to not lose money and have enough money in the bank in case weather conditions force us to cancel the holiday tournament—the major fundraiser for the organization.

A motion was made by Laural Johnson and seconded by Rich Hirstein to approve the treasurer's report. The report was approved.

High School Report

Leah Dasovich reported:

- The upcoming season is still a work in progress. Another home game was scheduled, and Leah is hoping to add three more. She continues to meet with the Athletic office to work on the schedule.
- A Friday night home game for Youth Night needs to be determined when the schedule is set. December 17th, 2013 (a Tuesday) will be the Shooter's Challenge recognition night. These events are still in the planning stages; information will be shared as it becomes available.

Travel Program Updates

- The Travel Program Overview document was reviewed and minor clarifications were made. The final form will be posted to the website.
- Teams will be comprised of 8-10 players. It will depend on the number of girls at each grade level that try-out.
- We will operate under the philosophy we've been holding that playing time should be equal throughout the course of a tournament/weekend. It will be up to coaches to use their professional judgment and expertise.
- All registration fees will remain the same from 4th through 7th grade. A motion was made by Kerri Hexum, and seconded, to reduce the registration fees from \$450 to \$400 for 8th grade. The motion passed.
- MGBA will move to using PayPal for processing registration online. It will save the organization \$600-800 in credit card fees from using the NGIN site directly without giving up the 'paying by credit card' option entirely.
- Online registration will open August 19th.
- Rich Baker will be meeting with the president of the boy's program to review the practice gym situation.
- Tryout dates are set and will be added to the calendar. Pre-tryout workout dates are tentative and will be added to the calendar when confirmed by the district scheduler.

Player Development:

Kerri Hexum reported:

- The Shooting Challenge: 76 active shooters, and 92 are registered. There are 25 girls shooting and making over 3000 baskets.
- Summer Open Gym program: ranging from 4-15 participants on any given night.

- Fall MSB Skills Sessions – dates have been set and have been entered into the calendar.

Marketing:

Stacy Pagano presented:

- The Lynx clinic received good reviews. The sponsors were very pleased with the turnout. Each girl participant was awarded 2 tickets to a Lynx game on 8/8.
- Best Buy donated 100 tickets to an upcoming Lynx game on 9/14 to MGBA families. We are working on a process for 2 tickets each to be distributed.
- Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. accounts for MGBA (or Tonka Buckets) are set up and active. *Like* Tonka Buckets on Facebook, *Follow* @tonkagirlsbball on Twitter, and *Follow* Tonka_Buckets on Instagram.

Tournaments:

Jim Willems and Josh Hawes reported:

- A very tentative tournament schedule was reviewed. The final schedule will depend on how many teams are officially formed, trading teams between tournaments, travel, etc. Jim and Josh continue to work on the schedule.
- Currently, we have 77 teams committed to our holiday tournament.
- The Rochester Tournament will be held Feb 21-23. At this point, teams will be staying at the same hotel as last year.

Apparel:

Susan Anderson and Geri Radke reported:

- We are going to stay with Lakeside Promotions for one more year. Many items will be the same as last year so families have an opportunity to keep wearing items from last year if it still fits. Some new items will be added. For example, they are looking at moving to a backpack instead of a duffle bag.
- The try-on night is tentatively planned to be held during Parent's Night.
- Susan will be monitoring the boy's program and how they work with apparel from the Nike company in case we move to this next year.

President's Report:

Rich Baker reported:

- Baseline concussion testing sessions begin 8/7 at MHS. There are 5 sessions throughout the fall. Take advantage of them while you can. Age 10+
- MGBA is teaming up with MBBA and the HS teams to host an evening at Maynard's on October 28th where 25% of the proceeds will go back to our programs.
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Meeting Adjournment

A motion was made by Rich Hirstein, and seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

**The next MGBA meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday, September 4, 2013
6:30 – 8:30 pm (note new time!)
Minnetonka District Service Center, Community Room**